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City of Barrie

Final

Community Safety Committee

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 | **4:30 PM** | **Council Chamber/Virtual Meeting**

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT
For consideration by General Committee on March 1, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor, S. Morales at 4:30 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 4 - Mayor, A. Nuttall
Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Councillor, S. Morales
Councillor, A. Courser

ALSO PRESENT:
Councillor, C. Riepma
Councillor, C. Nixon
Councillor, A.M. Kungl
Councillor, N. Nigussie
Councillor, B. Hamilton.

STAFF:
Associate Director of Corporate Management, K. Oakley
Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Committee Support Clerk, B. Thompson
Deputy City Clerk, T. McArthur
Director of Development Services, M. Banfield
Director of Information Technology, R. Nolan
Director of Operations, D. Friary
Director of Recreation and Culture Services, D. Bell
Fire Chief, C. Mainprize
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, B. Araniyasundaran
Service Desk Generalist, K. Kovacs
Service Desk Specialist, B. Manwell

Supervisor of Enforcement Services, B. Keene
Supervisor of Enforcement Services, J. Forgrave
Supervisor of Information Management and Privacy, M. Williams.

The Community Safety Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

PRESENTATION CONCERNING AN ENFORCEMENT SERVICES 101

Tammy Banting, Manager of Enforcement Services, provided a presentation concerning an Enforcement Services 101. Ms. Banting discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- An overview of the items addressed by Enforcement Services, including by-law enforcement, regulatory and policy development, provincial regulations related to COVID-19, and the education of residents;
- The current staffing complement and roles in Enforcement Services, including management, supervisors, municipal law enforcement officers, property standard officers, and enforcement clerks;
- A comparison of time spent enforcing matters related to property standards, yard maintenance, and other matters such as tree preservation, animal control, and business licensing;
- Matters that are handled outside of Enforcement Services, including concerns related to the Building Code, waste management, the environment, speeding, and noisy vehicles;
- The impact of increased service levels in 2022 in implementing 25 percent proactive enforcement practices, achieving stability in the full-time staffing complement, and improving response times to complaints; and
- An overview of 2023 initiatives, including lower/zero tolerance enforcement practices, the inclusion of set fines for yard maintenance infractions, a review of the noise by-law, and service enhancements.

Members of the Committee and members of Council in attendance at the meeting asked a number of questions to City staff and received responses.

The Community Safety Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "B"

AGREEMENT WITH SCHOOL BOARD - USE OF FACILITIES

1. That the Chief Administrative Officer and the General Manager of Community and Corporate Services be directed to negotiate an agreement with the Simcoe County School Boards to open school facilities for after school and weekend programming;

2. That the following be taken into consideration as part of the agreement:

    a) The initial focus on school locations be in close proximity to under-serviced areas including downtown, northwest Barrie and southeast Barrie, and proximity to vulnerable young people and at-risk youth;

    b) The programming utilizes community volunteers and organizations to the greatest degree possible with the inclusion of community partners;

    c) Insurance and liability associated with the use of the schools; and

    d) Programming to commence on September 1, 2023.

3. That staff in the Recreation and Culture Services Department report back to General Committee concerning the resources required to coordinate this program.

4. That staff apply for any available provincial or federal funding that would support the organization and implementation of the programming. (Item for Discussion 8.1, February 15, 2023)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/1/2023.

ENHANCEMENT OF PROACTIVE PROPERTY STANDARDS BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

That consideration of Item of Discussion 8.2 concerning enhancement of proactive property standards by-law enforcement be deferred to a Community Safety Committee Meeting in the second quarter of 2024. (Item for Discussion 8.2, February 15, 2023)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/1/2023.

PROPERTY STANDARDS

That consideration of Item of Discussion 8.3 concerning development of a Rental Housing By-law be deferred to a Community Safety Committee Meeting in the second quarter of 2024. (Item for Discussion 8.2, February 15, 2023)

Councillor, S. Morales declared a potential pecuniary interest on the foregoing matter as he is the owner of rental housing. He did not participate or vote on the matter. He left the Chair at the Council table and remained the Council Chamber.

Councillor, S. Morales left the Chair at 5:53 p.m. and Councillor, A. Courser assumed the Chair.

Mayor, A. Nuttall declared a potential pecuniary interest on the foregoing matter as he is the owner of rental housing. He did not participate or vote on the matter. He rolled his Chair back from the Council table.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 3/1/2023.

Councillor, S. Morales reassumed the Chair at 6:02 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

CHAIRMAN